

ABSTRACT

Advantages of both of organism authentication and ordinary authentication are taken out.

5 A multi-authenticating system also for use in organism authentication has at least a first authenticating apparatus A 12 and a second authenticating apparatus B 13 and also has a managing apparatus 11 which manages them. The first authenticating apparatus A 12 includes a biometrics authenticating apparatus 12-1
10 which makes the organism authentication by using a physical feature of the apparatus user as an authentication target and a card issuing apparatus 12-2 which issues a card as an authenticating medium when a result of the organism authentication is affirmative. The second authenticating apparatus B 13 includes a card reader 13-1 which
15 reads the card in order to authenticate the user by using the card and a control apparatus 13-2 which permits use of the apparatus in accordance with a result of the authentication by the card. Those apparatuses are selectively used in accordance with characteristics of the authentication of each system. The card can be also collected by a
20 card collecting apparatus 14-1 provided in an authenticating apparatus C 14.